

Mr. Allen Dulles
Director of CIA

February 11, 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

There is attached a letter from Chairman Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission, inviting members of the OCB to attend one of the forthcoming atomic shots at the Nevada Test Site.

As indicated in the attached form, arrangements should be made directly with the AEC if you desire to attend.

EBS
Elmer B. Staats
Executive Officer

Attachment:

Ltr fm Adm. Strauss 2/8/55,
with enclosures.

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UNITED STATES

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

Washington 25, D.C.

February 8, 1955

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you are aware, the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense are planning a series of atomic tests at the Nevada Test Site commencing about mid February 1955.

Arrangements have been made for official transportation to depart the Military Air Transport Service Terminal, National Airport, Washington, D.C., for each of the shots selected for observer purposes. Information is attached which should cover those items necessary for such plans as you and members of your board care to make to witness one of the shots listed therein.

If you will advise us as to those members of your board whom you desire to witness one of the shots and of your intentions, we will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements for attendance. It is requested that such information be furnished the Commission at least one week prior to the scheduled departure dates.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ LEWIS STRAUSS

Chairman

Enclosures:

1. Observer Information Sheet
2. Observer Planning Information

The Chairman
Operations Coordinating Board

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
DIVISION OF MILITARY APPLICATION BY/FOR EACH OBSERVER

(Please Type or Print)

EVENT NUMBER _____

FULL NAME _____

"Q" CLEARANCE NUMBER _____

DATE OF "Q" CLEARANCE _____

OFFICIAL POSITION & LOCATION _____

GS GRADE OR EQUIVALENT _____

BUSINESS TELEPHONE _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL
AT LAS VEGAS (IF TRAVELLING
BY OTHER THAN SAM) _____

NEXT OF KIN _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

INDICATE METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION:

_____ SPECIAL AIR MISSION

_____ COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION
(RAIL, AIR, BUS, PRIVATE CAR)

OVERVIEW PLANNING INFORMATION

1. This inclosure contains preliminary planning information for use of official observers for the test series at the Nevada Test Site commencing about mid-February 1955. An information bulletin for observers will be distributed prior to their departure for the test site.
2. Normally attendance will be limited to those individuals possessing an appropriate "A2G" or Department of Defense clearance.
3. Four shots have been selected for observer purposes. The mode of transportation is optional with the observer; however, for those desiring to utilize it, official transportation has been arranged to depart the Military Air Transport Service Terminal, National Airport, Washington, D. C. at 9:00 A.M. on each of the following dates which are Sundays:

February 13 February 27

February 20 April 3

Such transportation will arrive at Indian Springs Air Force Base, Nevada the same day it departs Washington. Observers will be housed at Indian Springs. It is planned to return observers to Washington on the Friday following their departure regardless of whether or not a shot has been witnessed. Individuals desiring to travel by means other than outlined above should make their own transportation arrangements.

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a nominal fee will be charged for meals served enroute on Military Air Transport Service and for housing and meals at Indian Springs.

b. A limited amount of transportation at Indian Springs will be provided to and from Las Vegas for official observers who arrive in Las Vegas by commercial means. In order that such transportation be available to the observer, it is essential that the mode of travel and time of arrival in Las Vegas be furnished the Test Organization well in advance. Transportation from Indian Springs Air Force Base to and from the Nevada Test Site will be by bus.

b. In the event of a delay in the test operation, bus transportation for recreation will be provided to and from Las Vegas on an established schedule. Due to a shortage of equipment no other transportation can be provided.

5. Official observers who may wish to discuss publicly their attendance at the test series should confine any remarks to the contents of information officially released.

After arrival at the test site security guidance will be included in the briefing of official observers to ensure uniformity of such guidance and to emphasize security aspects of the test series.

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6. To facilitate submission of the information required to make arrangements for each observer a prepared form is attached. Clearance data will be filled in after it is returned. For those observers traveling commercially it is not necessary to provide "next of kin" information. It is requested that the appropriate information be submitted to the project officer noted below at least one week prior to the above listed dates.
7. Cdr. G. J. Anderson has been designated as the project officer and may be contacted for additional information, phone Sterling 3-8000, extension 687 or

Room 211

Atomic Energy Commission

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